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TEN CENTS A WEEK

6 KILLED IN STORM

Cyclone Laid Waste Farming Section In Mississippi.

MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED

Wind Tore a Pathway Nearly a Mile in Width, Partly or Wholly Destroying Every Building in That Area. Dead Animals Marked Its Path.

Wesson, Miss., Feb. 3.—Six persons were killed outright by a cyclone which laid waste a strip of farming country three-quarters of a mile wide and several miles long just north of here Friday.

Three persons were probably fatally injured by the cyclone and many others were slightly hurt, when their houses were blown down. A negro who arrived here about dark brought news of the storm and an appeal for aid.

The cyclone struck about 4 o'clock p. m. For a distance of twenty miles in a northwesterly direction the wind tore a pathway nearly a mile wide, partly or wholly destroying nearly every building in this area. Scores of dead farm animals littered the cyclone's track. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Maddox was blown almost completely off the premises and Mrs. Maddox's spinal column was broken. A negro was found fatally injured in the debris of Robert Littleton's farm house. The cotton gin and store of Ras Matthews were almost wholly destroyed.

Surrounding towns not in the direct path of the storm suffered damage during the few minutes of the cyclone's duration.

At Georgetown buildings were blown down and at Hazlehurst two sawmills were destroyed, many fences and several small buildings were blown over.

Center Point reported much damage but no loss of life.

Martinsville, which was just on the edge of the storm, escaped without serious damage.

Men in carriages are driving through the cyclone district offering aid to the storm sufferers.

SWALLOWED KNIFE.

Remarkable Accident to a Child in Banks County, Georgia.

Mayesville, Ga., Feb. 3.—News has reached here from Rtd Oak, a little place in Banks county, of a strange accident to a little boy. Ralph, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barber, who, while the mother was out of the room, got a case-knife down in his throat and swallowed the knife. Mrs. Barber rang the farm bell for her husband, but as no did not hasten to the house, she started to the field after him. Upon her return she found the child had succeeded in heaving violently, ejecting the knife from his throat.

This remarkable accident is vouched for by the best authority. How the child could have sheathed nearly six inches of an ordinary-sized knife in his throat is a marvel.

Famous Ship Tavern Closed.

London, Feb. 3.—The Ship Tavern, one of the most famous of London's riverside inns, located in Greenwich, has closed its doors after an existence dating back to the days of the great English statesman, William Pitt, who denounced the war against the American colonies and after whom was named for the Pitt from which the city of Pittsburgh takes its name. It was at the Ship Tavern that Pitt introduced the famous ministerial White Star dinners during his time of sixteen years as a member of the ministry.

Judge Worrell to Preside.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 3.—Judge Worrell of Dawson will preside at the criminal sessions of the superior court for Judge W. H. Felton here during the third week in February. A number of important cases will be heard and the court will be in the hands of the south Georgia. Judge U. V. Whipple is also to preside in some of the criminal cases that will be heard during the latter part of February.

G. O. P. GETTING BUSY.

Republicans Will Put Out Full State Ticket in Georgia.

Atlanta, Feb. 3.—It is now practically an assured fact, say persons in thorough touch with republican affairs in Georgia, that when the state election comes in October next there will be a full republican state ticket in the field ready and anxious for the votes of Georgians "who favor justice to every interest and to every individual and who oppose oppressive and discriminating laws," said by the active movants to now exist.

For some days past there has been a quiet, quickened step by leading members of the g. o. p. from various sections of the state within the federal building, but an unusual caution has been observed by all coming and going, not one of the recognized party members yielding in the slightest to importuning pressure for information.

Still, however, the old saw that a secret ceases to be a secret after more than one holds that secret, is again verified and it is now declared that a full state ticket will be named when the next state republican convention is assembled.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Considerable Development Toward Increasing Textile Equipment.

Baltimore, Feb. 3.—Reports to the Manufacturers' Record during the past week indicate considerable activity toward increasing the textile equipment of the south.

Contract has been awarded at \$23,700 for the construction of a mill at Weldon, N. C., for the production of two-ply 24s and 36s cotton yarns. Construction has begun upon a 5,000 spindle mill at Lenoir, N. C.

At Blacksburg, S. C., will be erected a mill of 5,000 spindles and 120 looms to manufacture cotton cloth. The structure will be 160 feet wide by 200 feet long, and there will be a warehouse and boiler room, the total floor space of the building being 32,200 square feet.

A knitting mill at Spartanburg, S. C., is preparing to install equipment for spinning its own yarns and a mill at Pendleton, S. C., will add 8,000 spindles to its present equipment.

Other important industrial plans are under way in various southern states. Several new railroads are projected.

WANT HIM TO STEP OUT.

Liberals and Socialists Ask Removal of Lieutenant Governor.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 1.—Important steps will be taken within the next few days in the effort to cause the removal from office of Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir.

The Liberals have joined the Socialists in the provincial legislature and on Monday will ask the house, now sitting at Victoria, to petition the dominion government to remove Dunsmuir. The Victoria Colonist, the oldest newspaper in British Columbia, formerly owned by Dunsmuir, is demanding that the lieutenant governor step down.

RUN STARTED ON BANK.

Home Bank of Brooklyn, a State Institution, Suspends Business.

New York, Feb. 3.—The Home bank of Brooklyn, a state institution, on which a run was started Friday, did not open for business Saturday.

The Home bank is a small institution, located in South Brooklyn. It has a capital of \$100,000, and a surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$11,000. Its closing is without bearing on the general financial situation.

The deposits, which formerly averaged about \$100,000, have been reduced greatly since the October panic.

Montgomery Fair Debt.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—At a meeting of the state fair committee, charged with the duty of settling up the debt of the association, \$14,000—the debt of the indebtedness—was represented. The holders of these claims agreed to take bonds of the association at par. It is expected that the others will be willing to make the same arrangement.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Document Was Continuously Applauded in the House.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—President Roosevelt's special message reiterating the policies for which he stands and has fought during his seven years in the White House, recommending the re-enactment of an employer's liability bill, urging federal supervising of interstate corporations, and dealing with the use of injunction in labor disputes, created a great deal of comment at the capitol.

The president's friends commend it enthusiastically. Some of the talks in the cloak room and corridors turned upon a third term for Roosevelt and discussed this action as a bid for support from those who believe President Roosevelt is the only man with the determination, grit and perseverance to fight through congress the aggressive policies outlined in this special message.

In the senate the message was heard in decorous silence. In the house it was continuously applauded, particularly the reference to punishment of wrong-doers and his defense of federal judges.

"A splendid democratic doctrine," said Senator Jeff Davis of the speech. "A bid for a third term," said Representative Clayton, of Alabama.

Senator Tillman found much to approve in the message, though he opposed the railroad pooling suggestion and the recommendations for squeezing out the watered stock in big corporations.

Senators Clay and Bacon declined to express an opinion.

MITCHELL ISSUES EDICT.

The Miners of Illinois Must Obey or Fight It Alone.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—Coal operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, composing the central competitive field, went into executive session Friday with the national officers of the United Mine Workers of America and the district officers of the mine to decide when a joint conference of miners and operators shall be called to re-establish the interstate wage agreement.

President Mitchell, of the miners, served notice on the Illinois operators that if they did not come into line with the other operators the conditions under which they would have to operate ultimately would be made for them. This was taken to indicate that Mitchell would favor making a scale with the other three states, leaving Illinois to fight alone.

"A BRAVE MESSAGE."

William Jennings Bryan Praises Latest Utterances of Roosevelt.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 3.—William Jennings Bryan issued a statement bearing on the president's message sent to congress. He said he recognized the moral courage of Roosevelt in fighting against the opposition he has to contend with. Referring to the Wall street methods, he said it would be a safe bet that the financiers would see that they could place no dependency on Roosevelt as a friend of the system. His statement is in part as follows:

"It is a brave message and needed it this time. All friends of reform have reason to rejoice that President Roosevelt has raised his high position to call the attention 'to the wrongs that should be remedied. He has discovered the running sore in our national life. He has pointed out the corrupting influences that flow from predatory wealth, and from the monopolistic enterprises which have given unearned riches to the few who, by controlling great industries of the nation, have levied tribute upon the whole country."

Supreme Court Justice Race.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—It is understood here that Sen. John Lusk, of Marshall, will enter the race for justice of the supreme court. He was a floor leader in the senate and one of the right hand men of Governor B. H. Comer. Both Justices Simpson and Harrison will also ask for re-election. It is also well known that Judge John A. Buford, of Gadsden; J. J. Marshall, of Tuscaloosa, and possibly A. D. Sayre, of Montgomery, will be in the race.

SET GOLDEN STREAM FLOWING.

Prediction as To Results of Reciprocity with France and Germany.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—"Seventy-five million dollars of foreign gold pouring into the middle-west annually will be one of the first fruits of reciprocity treaties with France and Germany," declared Alvin H. Sanders, president of the American reciprocal tariff league, Friday.

Mr. Sanders is one of the committee of thirty or more, which will leave Chicago for Washington to call upon the president in the interest of tariff revision and reciprocity.

The passage of the Beveridge bill will be urged providing for a non-partisan committee of five to investigate the tariff and report for action and revision by the next congress.

"What we want," Mr. Sanders went on, "is such commercial relations as will enable western farmers to supply food products to the millions of Europeans. Both Germany and France are ready to do business with us upon this proposition."

PROVED TO BE WOMAN.

"Billy" Bates Convicted in Alabama of Trespassing on Railroad.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 3.—When "Billy" Bates, convicted in the county of Houston on a charge of trespassing on a railroad line, was received Thursday night at the Flat Top mines of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company, it was discovered the person was a woman.

Another prisoner in the bunch received from Houston county was Joe Bates, a brother, and the statement was made that the two were making their way the best way they could from Canada to Jacksonville, Fla. They were getting along nicely until they reached the border line of Alabama, when a marshal grabbed them for trespassing and they were convicted and sentenced to the mines, the secret being maintained until striped suits were being furnished for the new prisoners being brought in.

ARGUMENTS CLOSED.

Case of Distillers Against South Carolina Dispensary Commission.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 3.—Argument in the case of the Fleischmann company and the Wilson Distilling Co. against the South Carolina dispensary commission, came to a close Friday afternoon in the United States circuit court, Judge Pritchard announcing he would take the case under advisement in order to review some of the authorities quoted by counsel.

The judge may not render a decision until the middle of next week. He gave no intimation as to whether or not he would assume jurisdiction in the case. The order restraining the commission from turning the \$300,000 fund into the state treasury, which was obtained Dec. 21, will continue in effect. The commission, however, can pay approved claims of creditors if it so desires.

Theater Owners to Meet.

Atlanta, Feb. 3.—Forty-two theater owners and managers, representing the leading theaters throughout the south, will meet in Atlanta on Feb. 6 for the purpose of discussing theatrical railroad rates as now applied to all theatrical combinations touring the southern territory. A call to this effect was sent out by Hugh L. Cordova, general representative for the Wells circuit of twenty theaters throughout the south, Friday night. The sessions of the managers are to be held in the convention hall of the Piedmont hotel.

To Hold Farmers' Institute.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 3.—Commissioner of Agriculture J. A. Wilkinson, has agreed with Pres. Duncan of the Alabama Farmers' union, to aid him in holding a number of farmers' institutes and will send along experts to make addresses in the various counties. They will begin some time in March.

Chinese New Year.

Atlanta, Feb. 3.—The Chinese New Year 4,045, according to the Chinese calendar, was celebrated by the officials of Atlanta on Saturday as well as throughout the country generally.

DEATH TRAP FOR FIVE

Guests of a Kansas City Hotel Burned In Their Rooms.

A LIST OF THE CASUALTIES

Disaster Occurred in a Three Story Rooming House Near the Business Section of the City—Besides the Dead, Five More Were Injured.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—Five persons were burned to death and five others injured in a fire in a three story rooming house at 1116 Wyandotte street, near the business section, Saturday morning.

Those dead are: Mr. Jennie Bert, aged twenty-nine, of Harrisonville, Mo., a waitress.

Mable Porter, aged eighteen, a waitress.

Nina Graves, aged eighteen, a waitress.

Peter Rooney, aged thirty-four, cook. Charles Johnson, aged twenty-six, a cook.

The injured received slight cuts and burns but none is believed to be in a dangerous condition. All of the dead except Mrs. Bert lived in Kansas City.

The injured were taken to the emergency hospital.

The fire started from an explosion of natural gas in the basement. The flames and dense smoke spread quickly throughout the building and before an alarm could be given, all means of escape by the ordinary exits had been cut off.

Five persons who lost their lives were asleep on the third floor, and all were burned to death in their rooms. Evidently they had been suffocated and none apparently had even made an attempt to escape.

Before the firemen arrived the entire building was a mass of flames.

Tried to Arouse Inmates.

Mrs. Bert lost her life in trying to arouse the inmates. Being awakened by the smoke she tried to arouse the sleeping roomers. The smoke and flames, however, crowded her so closely that she was compelled to retreat and sought escape by the doorway. At the top of the second floor landing she stumbled and fell down the stairway and landed in the thicket of the flames. Her charred remains were later found by the firemen.

There were twenty-two persons in the building when the fire broke out.

Most of the roomers worked at night as waitresses and kitchen cooks at nearby hotels and restaurants. Most of them had retired only a short time previous and they were deep in sleep.

Bodies Terribly Burned.

The bodies of the other four victims were found in their beds. Each had been terribly burned, and the limbs dropped from one of them as the body was later carried from the house.

The building was one of the oldest in the city, and was situated in what in Kansas City's early days was known as "quality hill." The building was not supplied with fire escapes.

PLEA FOR ANTI-JUG LAW.

Judge Adams Insists that the Prohibition States Should Be Protected.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Judge Adams made a strong speech in the house Friday afternoon in support of the Hepburn-Doolittle anti-jug law.

Judging by the applause he received the speech made a decided hit.

The Georgia representative placed himself flatfooted on the platform of home rule. He said if the people of a state or community were in favor of prohibition, their wishes should be respected and their efforts to make local laws effective should be encouraged in every way possible.

Contest of Billiard Experts.

New York, Feb. 3.—Another series of matches between billiard experts will begin at Del's academy Monday night next when the Blackboarder and Thomas C. Sullivan will meet in a play at the 125 hole cue billiards. The games of 100 points each, to be played on Brunswick billiards.